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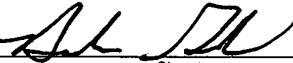


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/891,997  
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Hiroshi NITTAYA and Katsuhiko ASAI  
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY  
APPARATUS  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), of Application Serial No. 09/891,997, filed on June 26, 2001, Tsukasa YAGI, Masaaki NAKAI, Eiji YAMAKAWA, Kazuaki OKUMURA, Hiroshi NITTAYA and Katsuhiko ASAI, entitled LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS.

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A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment, filed concurrently herewith, wherein claims 1, 45 and 46 incorporate new amendments thereto, and claim 47 has been added.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$1,160.00 (\$790.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), \$250.00 for the excess claim fee, and \$120.00 for the one-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)), to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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